

**NORTH RENFREW WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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**North Renfrew Waste Management Board Meeting  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
\*REVISED\***

**Date:** 1997 May 29  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Village of Chalk River, Municipal Office, Council Chambers

**Attendance:**

**Councillor Nicks, Chairman**  
**Councillor Roiha, Town of Deep River**  
**Councillor Conroy, Village of Chalk River**  
**B. Bigham, Chairman, Site Liaison Committee**  
**M. Richardson, Superintendent, Town of Deep River**  
**A. LeClair, Project Coordinator**

**I. and S. Blimkie, Property Owners**  
**W. Blimkie**  
**B. and E. Gust, representing Property Owner**

**1. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting**

Chairman Nicks requested confirmation from Councillor Roiha that the AECL contribution to the Town's operating budget, as stated on page 3, was accurate. Councillor Roiha affirmed that the statement is valid. Councillor Roiha moved to accept the minutes, Chairman Nicks seconded; minutes accepted without revision.

**2. Correspondence**

Chairman Nicks reviewed with the members the list of correspondence attached to the agenda. Ms. LeClair reported that additional correspondence will be distributed during the meeting, and will be added to the exist list for future reference.

**3. Business Arising from Last Meeting**

*Zoning/Planning Requirements*

Chairman Nicks referred to the correspondence on this topic. Clarification was sought from the Ministry regarding its position with respect to rezoning or amending the Town of Deep River's Official Plan as a condition of issuance of a Certificate of Approval. The Ministry stated in its letter that it is in a position to issue a Certificate of Approval without the necessary approvals of the Planning Act in place. The Town of Deep River has communicated that the municipality has the authority to make the changes, however, it is not a requirement. Chairman Nicks added that

the Board has advised the Town to defer the initiation of the process to rezone the property or amend the Official Plan until after the Board obtains approval to establish the new landfill site.

#### *Property Owner Compensation*

Ms. LeClair distributed the draft responses to property owner concerns raised during a meeting that was held on March 11, 1997. Chairman Nicks suggested that due to the nature of some of the concerns raised, particularly those requiring financial commitments, a review the responses may be best handled during a closed session. All members agreed to this approach. Pending confirmation from Councillor Burton, a closed session was scheduled for June 5, 1997 at 7:00 pm. (The meeting was re-scheduled for June 12, 1997 @ 7:00pm).

#### **4. EA/EPA Review and Approvals Processes - Update**

##### EA - Native Land Claim Issue

Chairman Nicks referred to several pieces of correspondence related to the topic. Ms. LeClair reviewed the status of the issue, reporting that a meeting was planned for May 22, 1997, between the Mr. Shore (Federal Negotiator for Native Land Claims) and Chief Whiteduck of the Algonquins of Golden Lake to discuss the Algonquin's position with respect to the Board's request for control of land use. Mr. Rabishaw was to have contacted the Board to provided an update on the outcome of this meeting, however, no update was communicated as Mr. Rabishaw was out of the office. Mr. Cox, on behalf of the Board communicated directly with AECL's legal counsel, and it was reported that AECL wanted to delay making contact with Mr. Shore until the Federal election was completed. Mr. Bullen, EA approvals coordinator, had contacted the Board to obtain a status on the resolution of the issue, as the branch was preparing its briefing package to the Minister recommending the acceptance and approval of the North Renfrew undertaking. Mr. Bullen speculated that the Minister may hesitate to release a notice of acceptance unless there has been some movement to address the issue, and that most probably the Minister will not approve the undertaking until there is resolution.

Ms. LeClair reported that Mr. Bullen contacted Mr. Shore directly and received confirmation that the meeting between the parties took place, and that a letter from the Algonquins was forthcoming in a few weeks. Furthermore, Mr. Bullen had also communicated to Mr. Shore the significance of a resolution to the land claims issues in relation to the environmental assessment approval process, however, had also indicated and that the next step in the process (the release of the notice of acceptance) does not signify a final decision or approval by the Ministry. Mr. Bullen prompted the negotiator for any objections on the Ministry's action to release the notice of acceptance. No objections were raised.

##### EPA - Update

With respect to the formal review by the Ministry, Chairman Nicks referred to correspondence to the Noise Unit of the EPA Approvals Branch. Ms. LeClair added that Mr. Davwczuniuk had recently contacted the office and requested further information regarding the potential for noise impact and its effect along the haul route (Bagg's Road) and within the 500 m sensitive area, referring specifically to the hunt camp. To complete its review, the Noise Unit requested information with respect to the Board's plans on mitigating the impact.

## **5. Compensation**

### *Municipal*

Councillor Roiha reported that the Town's Physical Environment Committee had a meeting during which time 3 main topics were discussed. Most councillors did not see the need for a compensation agreement. It was felt that all of the issues could be covered under the intermunicipal operating agreement. The Committee will finalize its assessment sometime in June.

Councillor Conroy stated that no discussion has yet been initiated. Chairman Nicks reported that discussion at the Townships has not been initiated either. It was expressed by members that municipal compensation appears to be a non-issue, and that closure on the issue can be settled soon. Ms. LeClair stated that some form of written confirmation from each municipality indicating closure on the issue as a non-issue would be appropriate.

### *Property Owner Compensation*

Chairman Nicks invited discussion on the issue of property owner compensation.

Mr. Sydney Blimkie reported there was no use fighting, that they were told at the meeting with Andrew Polley in mid-May that their land was worthless, because of the restrictions to their land due to the setback by-law. Wayne Blimkie questioned why the same restrictions are not applied to the dumps at Josie Lane and McKee Subdivision. Sydney Blimkie stated that his family feels forced to accept the site, and asserted that he be told whether the Board will be taking his land. The family wanted to know who to push to see this settled, to get answers.

Ms. LeClair reported to the Board that a meeting was held in mid-May with the Blimkie family, Andrew Polley from the MOEE, and Reeve Curtis. Issues pertaining the new site and its impact on the Blimkie Family property were, as well as issues pertaining to the Townships 500 m setback by-law, and various Ministry EPA requirements in relation to the former landfill site, and its effect on the potential for future development on the Blimkie family property. Ms. LeClair objected to Mr. Blimkie's statement that he was told that their land was worthless. It had been pointed out to the Mssrs. Wayne and Sydney Blimkie during the meeting in mid-May, the ways in which their is presently impacted, without reference to the new landfill site, and that the appraised value of their land for its use as future residential development may be affected. Ms. LeClair also stated that during the same meeting, it was explained to Mr. Blimkie that no part of his land will be used for the establishment of the new site.

Chairman Nicks stated that the process has been technical in nature, as the Board has been focused on satisfying Environmental Protection Requirements, and that no compensation agreement can be negotiated until the Board obtains approval from the Ministry. Councillor Conroy suggested that the Board could move on outlining the procedure for addressing property owner compensation issues, and this would be helpful to the landowners. Councillor Roiha and Mr. Richardson affirmed this move. Ms. LeClair asserted that the Board has attempted to initiate action on this point now for several months, however discussions on the planning of property owner compensation process have been deferred at each meeting, preempted by discussions with respect to the immediate concerns raised by property owners.

Mr. Wayne Blimkie queried as to the Board's movement on forwarding a letter to AECL on their behalf. Mr. Blimkie asserted that the property owners want assurances from the company that

they will not be affected by radioactive contamination. Chairman Nicks stated that radioactive contamination may come from sources other than AECL. Mr. Bigham reported that the Board plans on monitoring the site for radioactive contamination when the site is operational. Chairman Nicks further added that if AECL does contaminate the site, it will be held accountable for its clean up.

Ms. LeClair assured the property owners that the issuance of the letter to AECL still remains a commitment.

## **7. SLC Update**

Mr. Bigham indicated that a SLC Meeting was held recently, and it was reported that a Household Hazardous Waste Day mobile event will not be held this year, due to lack of funding. In a related issue, Mr. Bigham queried as to the status of Ministry's movement on the deregulation of the handling of hazardous waste. Ms. LeClair reported that this issue was raised recently with Mr. Polley of the MOEE and it was communicated that the issue is not considered a priority at the moment. Chairman Nicks queried as to the impact in relation to the new site. Ms. LeClair assured the Board that approval to handle hazardous wastes as proposed in the general design of the landfill site, will be covered under the Certificate of Approval, outlined in the terms and conditions supporting the Certificate of Approval.

On behalf of the Site Liaison Committee, Mr. Bigham expressed its desire to take property owner concerns to heart, and invited owners to seek assistance from the Committee should the Board fail to satisfy their concerns.

Ms. LeClair added that the Board would like to address your concerns in a fair manner, however, time is needed to work out a plan to proceed with assessing claims for compensation. Chairman Nicks stated that the Board at the moment is not prepared to commit to anything, but, does take the issue of property owner compensation seriously.

## **8. Financial Update**

### *Account Balance/Payables/Receivables*

Ms. LeClair indicated that the bank balance as at May 27, 1997, is figured at \$55,912.62. This figure includes the Townships second quarterly payment. Payables total \$5,870.17 bringing the Board's book balance to \$50,042.45.

### *Audit*

Ms. LeClair distributed copies of the audit report for fiscal year 1996. It was reported that figures are in line with the Board books. Repayment of advances are expressed as outstanding liabilities owing to the municipalities and the 1997 quarterly payments have been adjusted to reflect repayment of these advances. Ms. LeClair stated that the reports will be forwarded formally to the municipalities.

## 9. Other Business

### *Operating Agreement*

Ms. LeClair indicated that the initiation of action on an intermunicipal operating agreement is scheduled, however, pointed to the fact that some members have hesitation in securing the services of Mr. Cox to assist in its development. Ms. LeClair stated that the Board's connection to more relevant precedents may be obtained via legal counsel. Councillor Roiha asserted that the Town's experience with Mr. Cox in the crafting of the intermunicipal planning agreement was such that it would not consider retaining his services for the operating agreement. Councillor Roiha suggested to seek Mr. Simons' assistance in obtaining precedents through his connections with other municipalities. It was further stated that more relevant precedents would be obtainable through a source such as legal counsel. Ms. LeClair was directed to seek assistance from Mr. Cox in providing sample documents.

### *Insurance*

Ms. LeClair reported that renewal of the Board's Insurance policy with Hickey Insurance is due. The renewal of insurance will increase by about 5%, representing a cost of \$52 over projected cost for the 1997 year. Ms. LeClair fielded members for any objections regarding the renewal of insurance coverage. No objections were raised.

### *Review of Timeline*

Ms. LeClair distributed a revised 1997 project schedule. Ms. LeClair pointed to several revisions to the schedule, namely the inclusion of property owner compensation - related activities having taken priority during the months of march, april and may. Activities related to the budget submission has stretch out longer than anticipated. Work associated with the development of the operating agreement will be initiated in June. The Board's proposal has been submitted to AECL in April, as planned. Since much of AECL/AECB review and approval process of the Board's proposal is not well known at this point in time, the scheduling of the activities related to land acquisition will be revised periodically when new information is available.

Ms. LeClair distributed a detailed schedule of activities related to the land acquisition process, and advised the Board that this more detailed schedule is provided for the sake of gaining some control over the process, and to provide a timeline for completion relative to the process as a whole. However, the schedule as offered is not "engraved in stone". The tasks are laid out to suggest a plan of approach; tasks may be advanced or delayed. The schedule assumes that the Board does not take action on the mechanical aspects (agreements/transfer/ survey activities) of the acquisition until such time as AECL obtains a clear sign from AECB to proceed. Ms. LeClair stated that in a recent discussion with Mr. Rabishaw it was communicated that it could take 2-3 months to obtain approval from the AECB. Mr. Rabishaw had also stated that the acquisition has been unofficially approved by the AECL's executive management and that once the proposal is approved by its regulator, the executive management will proceed to officially approve the acquisition in short order.

### *Project Coordinator Contract Renewal*

Ms. LeClair distributed copies of the former contract/job description renewable at the end of May. Ms. LeClair suggested one revision related to hours of work to reflect the new hours. Ms. LeClair queried about a need to proceed with a performance review. Members opted to defer the issue further at a later date.